



August 15, 2012

TO: Illinois Commerce Commission
Ameren Illinois Utilities
Commonwealth Edison Company
Interested Parties

FROM: Arlene A. Juracek, Acting Director

RE: 2013 Draft Procurement Plan

In accordance with Section 16-111.5(d)(2) of the Public Utilities Act¹, the Illinois Power Agency (“IPA”) hereby presents its Draft Electricity Procurement Plan for the period June 2013 through May 2018 (“Draft Plan”). The Draft Plan sets forth a procurement approach to secure sufficient electricity commodity and associated transmission services, plus any required demand response, energy efficiency and renewable energy resources, to meet the supply needs of eligible retail customers served by Ameren and Commonwealth Edison. The Draft Plan is designed “to ensure adequate, reliable, affordable, efficient, and environmentally sustainable electric service at the lowest total cost over time...”.²

Section 16-111.5(d) sets forth the process for commenting on the Draft Plan. Statutory deadlines include the following:

September 14, 2012: Affected utilities and other interested parties are given thirty days following the date of the posting to provide comment to the IPA on the Draft Procurement Plan. Comments are required to be “specific, supported by data or other detailed analyses, and if objecting to all or a portion of the procurement plan, *accompanied by specific alternative wording or proposals.*” 220 ILCS 5/16-111.5(d)(2) [*emphasis added*].

September 28, 2012: The IPA has fourteen days following the end of the 30-day review period to revise the Draft Procurement Plan, as necessary, based on the comments and to file the final Plan with the Commission for posting on its website.

October 3, 2012: Following the submission of this Plan, within five days, any person objecting to the Plan may file an objection with the Illinois Commerce Commission (“ICC” or “Commission”).

October 17, 2012: The Commission, within fourteen days, must determine whether a hearing is necessary.

December 27, 2012: Deadline for the Commission to enter its order confirming or modifying the Procurement Plan.

¹ 220 ILCS 5/16-111.5(d)(2)

² 220 ILCS 5/16-111.5(d)(4)

While the above dates are the only statutorily-mandated deadlines, upon filing of the Final Procurement Plan, the Commission may determine the need for an additional comment or briefing period in addition to, or in lieu of, hearings.

In addition to the dates above, the IPA will hold two public hearings to discuss this year's Procurement Plan, as follows:

September 17, 2012: 9am-12pm at the Illinois Commerce Commission's Chicago Offices at 160 North LaSalle Street, 8th Floor Main Hearing Room, with audio hook-up at the ICC's Offices in Springfield at 527 East Capital Avenue, Hearing Room B or C (to be determined). Public comments will be taken only from participants in the Chicago location.

September 20, 2012: 9am-12pm at the Illinois Commerce Commission's Offices in Springfield at 527 East Capital Avenue, Main Hearing Room, with audio hook-up at the ICC's Offices in Chicago in the Main Hearing Room. Public comments will only be taken from participants in the Springfield location.

Please note that the public hearings may be adjourned prior to 12pm if there are no public comments remaining. Parties unable to attend the public hearings may submit written comments as noted below.

The IPA looks forward to the parties' comments and suggestions, and respectfully asks parties to make any suggested changes to the Draft Plan in redline format to expedite the review process and aid in the proper implementation of a Commission Order with respect to this Plan.

Comments to the Draft Plan can be submitted to the IPA in care of Julie Musselman Oost at JOost@KelleyDrye.com. Comments will then be formatted for posting to the IPA's website at <http://www.illinois.gov/ipa>.